

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LAHONTAN REGION

BOARD ORDER NO. R6T-2003-0054

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR

**HIRSCHDALE AUTO WRECKER, BOARD ORDER NO. 6-87-15,
WDID NO. 6A298707006; IRON BLOSSOM CONDOMINIUMS (AKA STONEWOOD-
AT-TAHOE), BOARD ORDER NO. 6-87-79, WDID NO. 6A298704003; AND
BIG CHIEF LODGE, BOARD ORDER NO. 6-88-42, WDID NO. 6A318712004**

Nevada and Placer Counties

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Regional Board) finds:

1. Hirschdale Auto Wrecker

On February 19, 1987, the Regional Board adopted Board Order No. 6-87-15 prescribing waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for the operation of the Hirschdale Auto Wrecker facility located adjacent to "Old" Hwy 40, approximately 1.5 miles down river from the community of Hirschdale in Nevada County. The facility was on property that is part of the now inactive Hirschdale Landfill and is currently owned by Sierra Pacific Power Company. The facility was a retail outlet for parts from dismantled vehicles. The primary wastes of concern from this facility were waste earthen materials, and vehicular fluids including oils, greases, coolants, brake fluid and other petroleum wastes from vehicles stored on the site. During the operation of this facility the Discharger implemented storm water BMPs in order to prevent the discharge of the above-referenced wastes to ground and surface waters.

The facility is no longer in operation and all vehicles, buildings, and other materials have been removed from the site. Sierra Pacific Power Company is currently working with Nevada County in an effort to develop and implement a Landfill Closure Plan for the Hirschdale Landfill, which includes the former facility site. The results of site assessment activities (soil and ground water monitoring) conducted by Sierra Pacific Power Company indicate that the former Hirschdale Auto Wrecker site poses no significant risk to water quality. However, if any contamination is discovered in the future at the former Hirschdale Auto Wrecker site, it will be addressed through the landfill closure program. Therefore, it is not against the public interest to rescind Board Order No. 6-87-15.

2. Iron Blossom Condominiums (AKA Stonewood-At-Tahoe)

On April 3, 1987 the Regional Board adopted Board Order No. 6-87-79 prescribing WDRs for constructing ten new buildings at the Iron Blossom Condominiums property for a total of 75 new condominium units. The project is located at the intersection of Palisades Drive and Pine Cone Road in Truckee, Nevada County. The project also includes constructing parking areas, access roads, landscaping and drainage, and runoff control/treatment facilities. Board Order No. 6-87-79 was adopted to regulate waste discharges including waste earthen materials, nutrients, and leaked automotive oils and greases contained in storm water runoff from impervious and disturbed areas. The Discharger has successfully implemented an erosion control plan that includes specific measures for stabilizing and revegetating disturbed areas. The Discharger has also successfully implemented a storm water plan, which involves installing and maintaining storm water runoff conveyance, treatment, and disposal facilities.

Construction of the ten buildings has been completed and there are no future plans for construction at the site. Regional Board staff inspected the site on May 30, 2003 and confirmed this. Additionally, staff found post-construction BMPs in place and maintained as specified by the Board Order. All of the requirements specified in the WDRs have been met and the project no longer poses a threat to water quality. Therefore, it is not against the public interest to rescind Board Order No. 6-87-79.

3. Big Chief Lodge

On May 12, 1988, the Regional Board adopted Board Order No. 6-88-42 prescribing WDRs for demolishing 21 buildings, several storage structures, four mobile home spaces, and numerous parking areas followed by constructing a new 14,000-square foot lodge/restaurant facility, a 2,660-square foot Nordic ski center/commercial building, a pump house, and paved parking areas and driveway. The project is currently under construction and is located on Hwy 89 South, immediately north of Pole Creek and adjacent to the Truckee River in Placer County. The primary pollutants of concern for this project are waste earthen materials and oils and greases contained in storm water runoff.

Changes in storm water regulations (Phase II Storm Water Regulations) provide that discharges of storm water to waters of the United States from construction projects that encompass one or more acres of soil disturbance are now subject to regulation under an NPDES Permit. The Big Chief Lodge Project involves more than one acre of soil disturbance and storm water from the site directly enters the Truckee River, a water of the United States. The Big Chief Lodge Project has yet to be completed and now must comply with NPDES storm water regulations. It is no longer appropriate to regulate the project under Board Order No. 6-88-42; and therefore, it is necessary to rescind Board Order No. 6-88-42. The Discharger will need to obtain regulatory coverage under an NPDES storm water permit for the Big Chief Lodge Project prior to continuing construction activities.

4. This action is being taken by this regulatory agency to rescind Board Order No. 6-87-15, Board Order No. 6-87-79, and Board Order No. 6-88-42, which were issued pursuant to the California Water Code and as such is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), in accordance with Title 14 California Code of Regulations, Section 15321(a)(2).
5. The Regional Board has notified the Dischargers for each facility/project and other interested parties of its intent to rescind Board Order No. 6-87-15, Board Order No. 6-87-79, and Board Order No. 6-88-42.
6. The Regional Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this Board Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Board Order No. 6-87-15, Board Order No. 6-87-79, and Board Order No. 6-88-42 be rescinded.

I, Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, on October 8, 2003.

HAROLD J. SINGER
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ST, SCF/cgT: October 2003 Rescission-Order
[Stonewood-at-Tahoe Project File (WDID No. 6A298704003), Hirschdale Auto Wreckers Project File (WDID No. 6A298707006), and Big Chief Lodge Project File (WDID No. 6A318712004)]